



ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Ms. Emma Best
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 73753
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Re: FOIA Case No. 2019-3

Dear Ms. Best:

Earlier today, we received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for “any and all documents...that pertain to the WikiLeaks website or organization from January 2006 to the present...” The Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) has no records that are responsive to your request. Aside from having no responsive records relative to the subject matter you requested, ACUS was not in operation until the Spring of 2010, so the period of your request would necessarily have to be narrowed to begin in 2010 and not 2006.

For your information, ACUS is a small federal agency, with fewer than 15 permanent staff, that is required by law to study and make recommendations for improving federal government procedures. Our official records, in general, pertain to our personnel, our membership, our research program for recommending improvements in federal agency procedures, implementation of our recommendations, and related correspondence.

Since this is an adverse determination denying your request for records (because this agency does not possess any of the records you have requested), under the law you are entitled to appeal this decision within 90 days. Also, dispute resolution services are available from the office of Government Information Services at ogis@nara.gov. As a practical matter, however, there is no reason for this agency to be in possession of documents related to WikiLeaks.

We hope this information will be helpful. Please include the above-referenced case number if there are any future communications to ACUS related to this request.

Sincerely,

Shawne C. McGibbon
General Counsel/Chief FOIA Officer